

ECONOMIC SERVICES DIVISION

COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH

MISSION

The Communications Branch is responsible for the collation and coordination of intelligence studies in the communication field prepared by other government agencies, and for the production of analyses and reports on radio, telephone, telegraph, cable, radar, television, mail and other communication systems of the world, with special emphasis on the Soviet Orbit. It will determine what is available to the U.S.S.R. in various types of communication networks, what is required, the uses made of the systems and the basic importance thereof to the military and economic effort. It deals with operational factors and the broad aspects of communications employment and policy. It is responsible for issuing requirements for the collection of data from the IAC agencies and other government offices, and for seeing that research and analysis by the various agencies properly covers the field.

To perform these functions, the Communications Branch shall set up and maintain an Ad Hoc Communications Committee made up of representatives of the IAC agencies and of such CIA divisions as may be determined to have special interests in the subject. The Chief of the Communications Branch, as chairman of this committee, shall call such meetings as may be necessary, either on his own motion, or on special request from any member, and shall report the views of the committee to the Chief of the Economic Services Division.

The Communications Branch will represent the Division in conferences with other CIA Divisions on communications matters, and will advise other Branches of O/RR on all communications problems, except those relating to construction of items of communications equipment. It will, under the direction of the Chief of the Economic Services Division, establish such liaison with other agencies and organizations working in this field, as may seem desirable, and will assemble such basic data and records as will permit it to evaluate the importance and accuracy of all communications information received.